

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:	Palese et al.	Confirmation No.:	3723
Serial No.:	10/713,732	Art Unit:	1648
Filed:	November 14, 2003	Examiner:	Blumel, Benjamin P.
For:	Attenuated Negative Strand Viruses with Altered Interferon Antagonist Activity for use as Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals	Attorney Docket No:	6923-118

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

Applicants thank Examiner Blumel for the telephonic communication on October 5, 2007 regarding the status of certain pending claims in the application. As noted in the Interview Summary, mailed October 19, 2007, Applicants' representatives, Laura A. Coruzzi and Jennifer J. Chheda, contacted Examiner Blumel on October 5, 2007 to inquire about claims 55 and 56 being improperly rejected/objected to in the final Office Action, mailed May 15, 2007. The Examiner acknowledged that this was a typographical error, and that claims 53, 55 and 69 were meant to be objected to since these claims recite the same limitation and claims 52, 54, 56-68 and 70-78 were meant to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants request that this Statement be entered into the record for the application. Applicants note that a Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and a Petition for Extension of Time were electronically filed on November 14, 2007. Applicants note that the Petition for Extension of Time requested that the period for responding to the final Office Action, mailed May 15, 2007, be extended for three (3) months up to including November 15, 2007. However, Applicants note that there is a typographical error in the date from which the 3 month extension was requested. The Petition for Extension of Time inadvertently recited September 15, 2007 rather than August 15, 2007. Applicants in an abundance of caution just wish to clarify that the Petition for Extension of Time filed November 14, 2007, requested a 3 month extension from August 15, 2007 up to and including November 15, 2007.

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No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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